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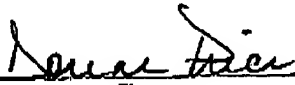
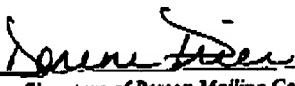
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Applicant(s): Maes et al.						
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Introductory Comments

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to a Final Office Action of September 10, 2004. The Examiner has maintained rejections of the present claims for being anticipated and obvious. Applicants respectfully traverse the objections and rejections and request that the following remarks be considered with respect to the subject matter of the claims.